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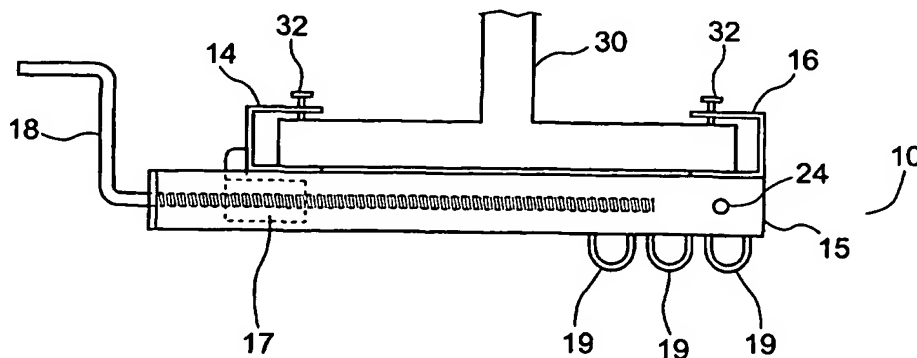
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(57) Abstract: A safety restraint device and system are provided for establishing a fall arresting system for steel frame workers. The base unit of the devices can be rapidly attached to vertical steel I-beams (30) by having a clamp (16, 18) for attachment to the beams. The base unit also has a mounting bracket to which a cable support accessory, for example, can be rapidly attached. The cable can then be extended and attached to similar devices on adjacent beams. Other accessories can also be used to provide temporary handrails, platforms and the like which are supported by the base units of the devices. A rapidly deployable system which provides improved worker safety is provided.

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1. claims: 1-7,9-11,16

Safety restraint device comprising a base rod and one or more releasable mounting devices for receiving and attaching at least one of a variety of accessories to said base rod.

2. claims: 8,12-13

Accessory for use with a safety restraint device as claimed in claim 1 comprising a winch assembly

3. claims: 8,12

Accessory for use with a safety restraint device comprising a ladder

4. claims: 8,12

Accessory for use with a safety restraint device comprising a light

5. claims: 8,12

Accessory for use with a safety restraint device comprising a sign

6. claims: 8,12

Accessory for use with a safety restraint device comprising a radio

7. claims: 8,12

Accessory for a safety restraint device comprising a handrail

8. claims: 8,12

Accessory for a safety restraint device comprising a platform or a suspended platform

9. claims: 14-15

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Method for establishing a static line comprising separately
attaching a first base rod and a second base rod to two
vertical frame members.

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